

## **Proposal 21**

### **Existing regulation: Units 9(D) & 10 (Unimak Island) - Caribou**

Unit 9(D) - 1 caribou by Federal registration permit.	Aug. 1 - Sept. 25. Nov. 15 - Mar. 31.
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Unit 10, Unimak Island only - 2 caribou by Federal registration permit.	Aug. 1 - Sept. <del>15</del> <b>30</b> . Nov. 15 - Mar. 31.
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**Reason for changing the regulation:** This change would align the fall ending dates for both Unit 9(D) and Unit 10, Unimak Island only, with current State of Alaska caribou hunting regulations for the same units. This would provide less confusion for local caribou hunters. In addition, this change would add an additional five hunting days in the fall for both units which would provide additional hunting opportunities for local subsistence hunters.

**Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations:** This change will have a minimal impact on caribou populations in these two units. The Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd has increased in size over the last several years and is slowly getting close to the management goal of 4,000-5,000 animals.

**Effect of proposed change on subsistence users:** This change will provide an additional five hunting days during the fall for qualified subsistence users in both Unit 9(D) and Unit 10.

**Proposed by:** Kodiak /Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

## **Proposal 22**

### **Existing regulation: Unit 8 - Deer**

Unit 8 - that portion of Kodiak Island north of a line from the head of Settlers Cove to Crescent Lake (57° 52' N. lat., 152° 58' W. long.), and east of a line from the outlet of Crescent Lake to Mount Ellison Peak and from Mount Ellison Peak to Pokati Point at Whale Passage, and that portion of Kodiak Island east of a line from the mouth of Saltery Creek to the mouth at Elbow Creek, and adjacent small islands in Chiniak Bay - 1 deer; however, antlerless deer may be taken only from Oct. 25 - Oct. 31. Aug.1 - Oct.31

Unit 8 - that portion of Kodiak Island and adjacent islands south and west of a line from the head of Terror Bay to the head of the south-western most arm of Ugak Bay - 5 deer; however, antlerless deer may be taken only from Oct. 1 - Jan. 31. Aug.1 - Jan.31

Reminder of Unit 8 - 5 deer; however, antlerless deer may be taken only from Oct.1- Jan.31; no more than 1 antlerless deer may be taken from Oct.1-Nov 30. Aug.1 - Jan.31

### **Proposed regulation:Unit 8 - Deer**

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**all lands of the Kodiak Archipelago which are within the boundary of the Kodiak National Wildlife including lands on Kodiak, Uganik, Ban, and Afognak Islands - 3 deer; however, antlerless deer may be taken only from Oct. Nov. 1- Jan. 31.**

~~Reminder of Unit 8—5 deer; however, antlerless deer may be taken only from Oct.1—Jan.31; no more than 1 antlerless deer may be taken from Oct.1—Nov.30.~~

~~Aug.1—Jan.31~~

**Reason for changing the regulation:** Federal Subsistence Regulations, when first written in 1990/91, were adopted from State fish and game regulations. Since that time numerous changes have been made to the State and Federal regulations. State and Federal regulations have become confusing and conflicting to subsistence and sport deer hunters in Game Management Unit 8. The 2001-2002 State regulations simplified their hunt area locations to road system and non-road system areas. The State also changed to a three-deer bag limit and a December 1-31 antlerless deer season and bag. This proposed regulation would simplify Federal Subsistence Regulation area description, and deer bag and season, similar to the State changes.

**Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations:** Deer populations decreased to an estimated 40,000 animals after the severe winters of 1997/98 and 1998/99. In contrast, the winters of 1999/00 and 2000/01 have been mild and very mild respectively, which has allowed for some recovery of the deer population. The amount of recovery and how soon the population would again reach management objective levels would also be dependent on future winter weather severity. A reduced harvest limit of 3 for all hunters and doe restrictions implemented by the Board of Game for the State general hunt, is expected to allow recovery sooner. With fewer deer hunters afield, brown bear DLP kills due to deer hunters should also decrease. Other wildlife populations should not be effected by this regulation change.

**Effect of proposed change on subsistence users:** Subsistence deer hunters who have customarily harvested four or more deer on federal lands will only be able to harvest three deer. Subsistence deer hunters who have harvested antlerless deer in October on Refuge lands will not be able to hunt for antlerless deer during that month. Given continued mild winters, which would minimally impact deer survival, this regulation change should lead to an increased deer population available for harvest by subsistence users. Harvest in 1998/99, was down slightly from previous years (7,821 versus the 5 years average of 8,310). Hunter success was 83% and successful hunters averaged 1.7 deer per hunter. Many of the hunters were off island Alaska residents and non-residents (63%), while 37 % were from Kodiak Island (ADF&G 1999). In 1999/00 harvest results indicated a harvest of 3,665. Hunter success was 57% and successful hunters averaged 1.2 deer per hunter. Again, most hunters were off island Alaska residents and non-residents (58%), and 42% were from Kodiak Island (ADF&G 2000). Preliminary harvest data for the 2000/01 season indicates that about 2,500 deer were harvested. Overall, the average deer per hunter has been less than 3. The lowered supply of deer accounted for the reduction in hunter harvest during the past two years.

**Additional information:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation, September 2000. Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration, 1 July 1999 - 30 June 2000.

**Proposed by:** Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

## **Proposal 47 (Deferred Proposal 2001 - 15 (C & T))**

**Existing regulation: Unit 8 - Goat**

No Federal subsistence priority.

No Federal open season.

**Proposed regulation: Unit 8 - Goat**

**Unit 8 - Residents of Kodiak Island.**

**Reason for changing the regulation:** No current subsistence hunt on Kodiak Island.

**Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations:** Minimal.

**Effect of proposed change on subsistence users:** Positive. Lower impact on our low deer population.

**Communities which have used this resource:** All Kodiak Island communities.

**Where the resource has been harvested:** East and West Terror Lake, Crown Mountain, Kiliuda Bay. Include all areas in the refuge.

**When the resource has been harvested:** September 1 - October 31.

**Additional information:**

**Proposed by:** Ivan D. Lukin, Port Lions

## **Proposal 47 (Deferred Proposal 2001 - 15 (Subpart D))**

**Existing regulation: Unit 8 - Goat**

No Federal subsistence priority.

No Federal open season.

**Proposed regulation: Unit 8 - Goat**

**Unit 8 - 1 goat by registration permit only.**

[no specific season proposed]

**Only one permit will be issued per household.**

**Reason for changing the regulation:** No current subsistence hunt on Kodiak Island.

**Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations:** Minimal.

**Effect of proposed change on subsistence users:** Positive. Lower impact on our low deer population.

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**When the resource has been harvested:** September 1 - October 31.

**Additional information:**

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## **Proposal 23**

**Existing regulation: Unit 9(D) - Moose**  
Unit 9(D)

No open season.

**Proposed regulation: Unit 9(D) - Moose**  
Unit 9(D) - 1 bull by Federal registration  
permit.

~~No open season.~~  
**Dec. 15 – Jan. 20.**

**Reason for changing the regulation:** This change would establish a Federal subsistence moose harvest season for Unit 9(D). The current State season is one bull by drawing permit, December 15 – January 20.

**Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations:** Establishment of a moose season would have no impact on other wildlife populations in Unit 9(D).

**Effect of proposed change on subsistence users:** This change would establish a Federal subsistence moose harvest season for local moose hunters for Unit 9(D). The proposed Federal season would align with the current State season. Currently, rural residents of Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, and Sand Point have been determined to have customary and traditional use of moose in Unit 9(D).

**Proposed by:** Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council